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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER
37 CFR §1.114 (RCE)**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 3, 2006, an Examiner Interview on May 25, 2006, an Interview Summary mailed June 7, 2006, a response filed June 29, 2006, which according to an Advisory Action mailed July 24, 2006 was not entered because the proposed amendments allegedly require a new search. The initial deadline for response was June 3, 2006. A petition for a three month extension of time is filed today with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) making this Amendment and Response timely.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.